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a<sup>1</sup> 2. (Amended) A photocurable composition comprising:  
the cationic photocalyst composition of claim 1; and  
a compound having at least one cationically polymerizable group in a molecule.

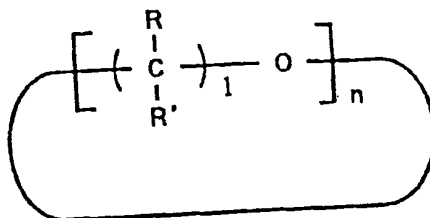
3. (Amended) The photocurable composition of claim 2, wherein said cationically polymerizable group is an epoxy group.

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4. A cationic photocalyst composition comprising:  
A. a photosensitive onium salt [excluding an onium salt having a fluorocarbon anion which is an (a) imide anion having two highly fluorinated alkylsulfonyl, fluorinated arylsulfonyl, or perfluoroalkylsulfonyl groups, and combinations thereof, or (b) a methide anion having three highly fluorinated alkylsulfonyl, fluorinated arylsulfonyl, or perfluoroalkylsulfonyl groups, and

combinations thereof, and

B. a compound either represented by formula (1) or having, as a substituting group, a structure of the following formula (1);



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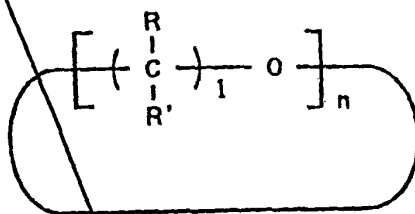
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5. The photocurable composition of Claim 2, further comprising a thioxanthone derivative as a sensitizer to increase radiation sensitivity.

6. The photocurable composition of Claim 2, wherein the compound either represented by the formula (1) or containing a structure of formula (1) as a substituting group is incorporated into the photocurable composition in an amount of 0.001-100 parts by wt., based on 1 part by wt. of the photosensitive onium salt, and the photocurable composition contains a cationically polymerizable group in the amount of 10 - 10,000 parts by weight based on 1 part by weight of the photosensitive onium salt.

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7. A cationic photocatalyst composition comprising:

A. a photosensitive onium salt having low thermal catalytic activities in the approximate temperature range of 20-80°C, said photosensitive onium salt (excluding an onium salt having a fluorocarbon anion which is an (a) imide anion having two highly fluorinated alkyl sulfonyl, fluorinated arylsulfonyl, or perfluoroalkyl sulfonyl groups, and combinations thereof, or (b) a methide anion having three highly fluorinated alkylsulfonyl, fluorinated arylsulfonyl, or perfluoroalkylsulfonyl groups, and combinations thereof, and }

B. a compound either represented by formula (1) or having, as a substituting group, a structure of the following formula (1);



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8. A photocurable composition comprising:

the cationic photocatalyst composition of claim 4; and

a compound having at least one cationically polymerizable group in a molecule.